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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 14, 1974:

QUOTE:

MR. ANDERSON: THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN
STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
FAHMY HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF
BEING RESCHEDULED.

NOW, SINCE THE PRESIDENT ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE
SECRETARY TO COME OVER TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY AT A
QUARTER OF TWELVE FOR A MEETING PRELIMINARY TO THEIR
WORKING LUNCH AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT ONE O'CLOCK AND THE
SUBGROUPS DEALING WITH ECONOMIC AND MEDICAL, CULTURAL AND
SCIENTIFIC TOPICS CONTINUE TO MEET TODAY SEPARATELY IN THE
DIFFERENT U.S. DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED --

Q. WAS THE SIGNING POSTPONED BECAUSE OF CYPRUS?

A. NO, WELL, IT CONFLICTED. IT WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR LATER

IN THE WEEK. IT CONFLICTED WITH THE FACT THAT THE PRESI-
DENT ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO COME OVER TO THE WHITE
HOUSE. AND IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED TOMORROW OR THE NEXT
DAY. AND IT'S BEING WORKED OUT, AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW
JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROGRESS THAT THESE SUBGROUPS ARE MAKING IN ORGANIZ-
ING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT WILL
BE RECORDED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT THAT YOU WILL KNOW
ABOUT.

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Q. HOW MANY SUBGROUPS ARE THERE?

A. I THINK THERE ARE FOUR OR FIVE. I CAN GET THE NAMES
FOR YOU. THE PRESS OFFICE HAS THEM NOW I BELIEVE.

Q. BOB, DOES THE DELAY REFLECT IN ANY WAY DISAGREEMENT
OVER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT?

A. ABSOLUTELY NO, NO. IT WAS JUST A SCHEDULING PROBLEM
FOR THE REASON THAT I SAID EARLIER. THAT WAS ALL. END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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